

## CHAPTER 2

### ELEVATOR, STAIR, AND EXCESSIVE DISTANCE CARRY

1. Elevator and stair charges only apply on domestic shipments. These charges are included in the single factor rate on international shipments. Excessive distance carry applies to domestic shipments and some international shipments. Reference is made to the following documents:

A. Domestic Personal Property Rate Solicitation, Item 418, Elevator, Stair, and Excessive Distance Carry

B. International Rate Solicitation, Item 432, Application of Transportation SFR – HHG, and Item 534, Excessive Distance Carry Charges To/From Residence or Mini-Storage Warehouse

#### 2. Domestic

A. The elevator charge applies as follows and is subject to Note 1:

- 1) Only when service is performed in a multiple family dwelling.
- 2) Where pickup or delivery involves use of adequate elevator service up or down one or more flights.
- 3) If the shipment must be transferred to a second elevator, two elevator charges will apply. If the shipment must be carried one or more flights in addition to the elevator charge, both the elevator AND stair carry (flight) charges (if warranted) will be applied.
- 4) Only one charge applies when two or more elevators providing parallel service is used.
- 5) Elevator charges are a one time additional charge and are billed on a per hundredweight basis (CWT).

B. The stair carry charge differs depending on whether service is inside or outside a building. The following direction is provided for inside stair carry and is subject to Note 1:

- 1) The first flight must contain 8 steps. Stairs 1-7 are free steps and not considered a flight. Charges are based on number of complete floors – a landing does not constitute a complete floor.
- 2) A charge per hundredweight applies to each flight. When both stairs and elevator are available, the charge will be based on the lowest cost to the shipper.

3) Inside stair carry charge is not applicable in single-family dwellings.

C. Outside stair carry consists of where pickup or delivery involves cartage up or Down. See chart below.

1) Outside flights are based on the following:

No. of steps		No. of flights
1-7	equals	0 charges
8-27	equals	1 flight charge
28-47	equals	2 flight charges
48-67	equals	3 flight charges
68-87	equals	4 flight charges
88-107	equals	5 flight charges

\*\*Each additional 20 steps or fraction thereof equals 1 additional flight.

2) The outside stair carry charge applies to both single and multiple family dwellings.

3) A charge per hundredweight applies to each flight.

D. The excessive distance carry charge applies as follows subject to Note 1:

1) each 50 feet beyond the first 75 feet from or to the carrier's vehicle is considered an excessive carry.

2) distance is computed between carriers vehicle and outside entrance door for single family house or business establishment or inside entrance door of an individual's apartment, multiple family dwelling, or office within a building.

3) excessive distance charge will not include elevator or stair carry.

4) outside sidewalk and walkway, halls, corridors, etc., inside a multiple family dwelling will be included in the computation.

5) a charge per hundredweight applies to each excessive carry.

Note 1: Charges shall be based on actual net weight of the shipment, subject to the following: only to that portion of the shipment that actually was transported via, elevator, stair carry, excessive distance; when shipment contains a privately owned vehicle (POV), motorcycle, three wheeler, riding lawn mower and like items -- the weight of those items shall be subtracted from the weight subject to the elevator, stair carry and or excessive distance.

Note 2: It may be necessary to use a constructive weight to determine the weight for use with elevator, stair carry, and excessive distance charge. Suggest that items from the inventory be annotated with an "L" for those items that were delivered to a level area and a constructive weight is determined on those items and that weight is subtracted for the total net weight of the shipment.

3. International.

A. Excessive distance carry charges only applies to shipments for:

- 1) A pickup or delivery involving a mini storage warehouse that exceeds 75 feet between the carrier's vehicle and the entrance to the facility.
- 2) A pickup or delivery from/to residence due to construction or other safety factors which prevents normal carry access to the residence.

4. Several questions and answers are provided to further clarify the application of elevator, stair, and excessive distance carries.

QUESTION: A carrier loaded a shipment from a townhouse, which consisted of two stories and a basement. Inside stairs were used to move all bedroom furniture (second story) and recreation equipment (basement). (a) Does stair carry charge apply? (b) Is a row of townhouses considered a single or multiple family dwelling?

ANSWER: (a) A stair carry does not apply. (b) A townhouse is considered a single-family dwelling -- therefore, the inside stair carry charge would not apply.

QUESTION: Upon entering an apartment building, the following design of stairs was found. The carrier could either go down nine stairs to the basement apartment; or go up nine stairs to go to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor or go up nine to the 1<sup>st</sup> and then an additional 18 stairs (27 total) to go up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. In this situation, the member lives on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The carrier had to go up nine stairs to get to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, go up an additional nine, where there was then a landing and finally go up the last nine stairs to get to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. How many stair carries are warranted in this situation?

ANSWER: The carrier is warranted two stair carries. One stair carry is warranted upon entering the apartment building and walking up nine stairs to get to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stair carry is warranted when going up the 18 additional steps to get to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

QUESTION: A shipment delivered to a townhouse was delivered through two entryways. One entrance (front door) had a 36 inch front door leading to the main living area and had eleven outside steps with a 40 inch passageway between railings; the other entrance (through the basement/garage) level entry with 14 steps (from basement to 1<sup>st</sup> main level had a 28 inch door and a small landing with a sharp right turn at the top and 30 inch wide passageway into the townhouse. There was additional 14 stairs inside from the

main living area to the bedrooms. Does the stair carry apply to any or all of the shipment?

ANSWER: Based on this scenario a portion was delivered to the garage/basement and the rest was delivered through the front entrance. The portion of the shipment that was delivered to the garage/basement area weight MUST be subtracted from the weight of the shipment to determine the weight of portion of the shipment that was carried up the steps. The carrier is entitled to charge for the weight that was transported up the outside stairs. The stairs inside the townhouse are NOT subject to additional stair carry charge. Subject to Notes 1 and 2 above.

QUESTION: A carrier had to carry a shipment 100 feet from the vehicle to the outside entrance of an apartment building, then a distance of 20 feet to an elevator. An additional 50 feet was required from the elevator to the inside entrance door of the residence. How is the excessive distance charge computed?

ANSWER: The total excessive distance would be as follows:

Vehicle to elevator:	$120 - 75 = 45 \text{ ft.}$
Elevator to inside door:	$+ \underline{50 \text{ ft.}}$
TOTAL:	$= 95 \text{ ft.}$

A total of two excessive distance carry charges would apply, plus an elevator charge, subject to Notes 1 and 2.

QUESTION: A shipment delivered to the eighth floor required the use of two elevators - one to the sixth floor and then one from the sixth to the eighth floor. Is the elevator carry charge applicable in each case?

ANSWER: Yes. The elevator carry charge applies if the original elevator does not go the entire distance and the property must be transferred to a second elevator for further upward movement. Parallel service does not meet the requirement for a second elevator carry. Subject to Notes 1 and 2 above.

QUESTION: Most items are based on a 500-pound minimum. Does this also, apply to elevator, stair, and excessive distance carry?

ANSWER: Yes. See Item 400, Additional Services.

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	Single Family Dwelling	Multiple Family Dwelling
Elevator Carry	N/A	Each time one or more flights are used.
Stair Carry Inside	N/A	Once for each flight. 1 <sup>st</sup> flight must consist of at least 8 steps and 1 <sup>st</sup> flight is not counted; 2 <sup>nd</sup> complete flight of stairs begins allowable charges.
Stair Carry Outside	Once for each flight:  Steps        Flights  8-27            1 28-47          2 48-67          3 68-87          4 88-107        5  Each addl 20 steps constitutes One addl flight.	Same as single-family dwelling.
Excessive Distance Carry	Each 50 ft beyond first 75 ft between vehicle and outside door of residence.	Each 50 ft beyond first 75 ft between vehicle and door of residence inside building.

Note 1: A single family dwelling consists of a detached house, duplex, townhouse, etc.

Note 2: A multiple family dwelling consists of apartments, condominiums, etc.